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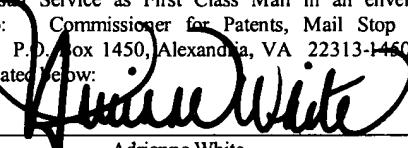
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Filed : September 28, 2001  
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With Improved Internal Dampening And Foreign Material Protection

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED AUGUST 27, 2003**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period of three months from that date for reply. This timely Reply is being submitted within three months after the expiration of the shortened statutory period, *i.e.*, by February 27, 2004, and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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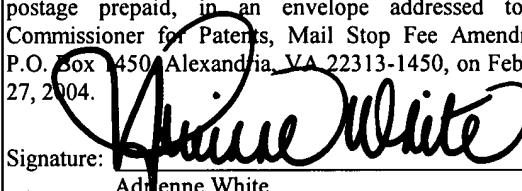
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Reply to the Office Action Dated August 27, 2003, for this application.

The Applicants are other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicants enclose herewith a Petition For A Three-Month Extension of Time. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover said extension of time.

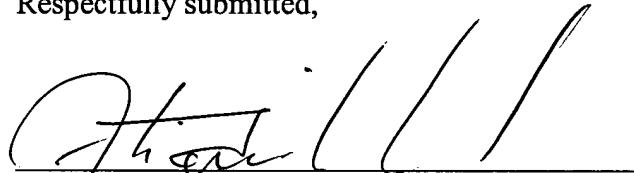
The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	32	58	0 x	\$ 9 = \$	\$ 18 = \$
Independent	3	7	0 x	\$ 43 = \$	\$ 86 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 145 = \$	\$ 290 = \$
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE</b>					\$ 0.00

No additional fees are due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required (except the issue fee) while this application is pending, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47161-00026USPT). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: February 27, 2004

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